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## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on May 30, 2003, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.